

the Vernacular School Leaving examination would be had on a much less pay. The post of a constable. If they would accept it, criticised as a useless appendage serving them. Head constables are generally promoted from the ranks of constables. Prosecutors as anomalous. Control over the cases prosecuted by literate men who have turned out good work that witnesses were of no use as the constables. He suggested, therefore, that

As regards the Magistrate's court at Tiruvananthapuram, the Head Sirkar Vakil or their posts after very great and careful consideration that Government of the Government, which was no stipendiary Magistrate's court was necessary at consider that decision. We must wait and see the decision of the Government, which was made only recently. Prosecutors, might be dispensed with.

44. **The necessity for a criminal court and buildings** recruited with better discrimination a fair qualification of literacy and Mr. P. N. Narayana Pillai (Member, Municipal Council, Kayankulam) stated that the number of cases filed in the Kayankulam Police station of the Member was that the to be properly handled by one person, the number of Police might be directed to pay of the current year being as high as 620, and that there were larger opportunities to the people the remotest parts of its jurisdiction was inconceivable to deal rigorously with any lapse of could be located at Mavelikara with jurisdiction. It might come to their knowledge.

Mavelikara, Kartikapalli and Karunagapalli taluqs in regard to the reorganisation of the Magistrate's courts which cannot be disposed of mitigate the hardships of the people and give relief to the people of the retrenchment and re-organise the Magistrate's courts. The next said that provision should be made for magistrates' opinions differ. the dying declaration of hospital patients and such other series of very serious statements for the transfer of the appellate jurisdiction over the Police force. You have of the Police force. You have sub judice, to two cases of commission by the sub-magistrate, Trivandrum.

As regards the location of public offices in the Criminal Procedure Code which were that both the local Munsiffs' courts were held in ill-ventilated particular instances mentioned healthy corner of the town, causing inconvenience to the public and even to the transactions of the treasury. He also pointed out that the local Police station was housed in a thatched building, while the Magistrate's court was located at a place to which all sections of the public could not have equal access. He referred also to the lack of accommodation for the bench, the bar and the public in the courts and prayed that the Munsiffs' courts might be housed in the Training School and the latter shifted to, and located at the Putiakavu school building nearing completion.

Dewan's reply.—The matter of appellate jurisdiction was raised at the last Assembly also. I do not remember what has become of that representation. If you had given me notice that you were going to speak about this subject, I would have looked into the matter. I did not.

As regards building for the Munsiffs' courts, new buildings are, no doubt, necessary. I inspected the present building myself. Accommodation was insufficient, but the building was not ill-ventilated. The construction of buildings means money and we have to arrange the works in the order of urgency and works which are more urgent must be given precedence.

You say that the Kayankulam Magistrate has too much work to do. I have received no complaint in that matter. The District Magistrate has more than once examined his work. You say that 620 cases were filed in the first quarter of the current year. Some of these cases might have been transferred to other courts; and several others may be compoundable. After all 620 cases in a quarter do not represent very heavy work. I have known the work of Magistrates for the last 30 years. A good many more than half the number of these cases—are generally compounded or withdrawn.

In regard to jurisdiction, there is no use in going back on what the Government have done with so much consideration.

* 45. **Administration of the Police Department.**

Mr. V. Sankara Pillai (Member, Municipal Council, Neyyattinkara) after making a preliminary reference to the important part which the Police Department played in the administrative machinery of the State, brought to notice some of